INEEL Water Integration Project Meeting Minutes March 26, 2003, ID-N

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Safety Share

Jeff shared two stories. One was about a worker who fell off a ladder at ATR resulting in a fractured pelvis. The second comes from LLNL where a worker lit his gas grill for the first time in awhile and neglected to check inside the grill where he had stored an extra propane bottle.

Budget

Jeff discussed BBWI's proposal to cut all funding to the Water Integration Project. Jeff's response was to offer a \$200K funding reduction across the project and defer work on the vadose zone summary until 2005. A final Doe-ID decision has yet to e announced.

Action Log

A draft white paper will be completed by Friday, March 28 on the knowledge search of past and ongoing research. Additional information on Geosciences and other INEEL work is still needed.

Comments on the conceptual model factsheet are due today and the factsheet will be completed by March 31st.

The draft path forward for addressing the science strategy is in review at ID.

Since the draft INEEL Groundwater/Vadose Zone Monitoring Report is near completion, it was decided to try to complete the draft under the reduced funding scenario.

Stakeholder Presentations and Upcoming Events

The date of the Boise workshop is being changed to accommodate the Center for Geophysical Investigation of the Shallow Subsurface (CGISS), who has offered to sponsor the workshop at Boise State University.

The eastern Idaho meeting is being held in Idaho Falls as a central location to include interested stakeholders from the Upper Valley, Jackson, and Pocatello.

The north Idaho meeting will likely be held in Coeur d'Alene. The Rathdrum aquifer study is just getting underway and those involved with the study are interested in INEEL research efforts.

Final workshop dates and locations will be announced April 2nd.

Science Strategy Knowledge Search

Al would like to include the path forward developed by Jeff in the knowledge search white paper. There are currently 97 research projects identified. Additional information is still being sought from Geosciences and other INEEL projects.

Jeff outlined what he would like to happen in the research needs validation meeting with ID and ICP managers. Al, Swen Magnuson, and James McCarthy should attend from the INEEL. A 15-minute discussion of R&D needs would include five minutes on how the list was developed and a short discussion of each the identified needs. Handouts would include a detailed list of needs.

Conceptual Model

The review of the conceptual model with ID program managers underscored the need for clarify in directly tying activities to cleanup endpoints and making sure project activities are responsive to the needs expressed. One need expressed is for a compilation of all the source terms for WAG 7 which is already being addressed.

Other Business

A report on the cumulative risk tool will be done next week.

The conceptual model report will be made available on CDs for the workshops

Joe Rousseau is going to Denver next week to discuss the EarthVision® effort. Some data has already been loaded.

Ed Berkey will be in Idaho Falls on April 7th. Paul will see if he is available to help with an informal review. Other possible reviewers would be Mike Graham and Dawn Kaback.

INRA is very interested in Water Integration Project-focused seminars for the Subsurface Science Symposium to be held in October in Salt Lake City.

Adjourned at 1:55 p.m. Next meeting will be April 2^{nd} and will be a monthly focus meeting. The topic will be a Mid-Year Progress Report and Discussion.